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In Re the Application of:

MELROSE et al.

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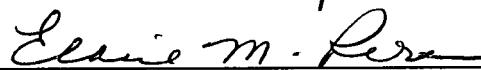
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**REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH
EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) of three (3) months in which to respond to the Office Action mailed November 1, 2005, with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the period for response from February 1, 2006 to May 1, 2006.

Applicants note that a two-month extension of time (mailed on March 28, 2006) has already been obtained. Accordingly, Applicants have already paid a two-month extension fee in the amount of \$450.00. Therefore, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the credit card identified on the enclosed Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$570.00 to cover the difference between the three-month extension fee and the two-month extension fee.

Applicants believe that no other fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 50-2198 for any fee deficiencies associated with filing this paper.

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